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SUBJECT: ENERGY CRISIS COMPLAINTS AGAINST U. S. SUB- CONTRACTOR

HANDLING INSTALLATION OF THERMAL TURBINES

REF: SAN JOSE 1173, 1194, 1198

1. EARLIER GOCR OPTIMISM ABOUT AVOIDING WORST IMPLICATIONS OF POWER CRISIS WAS BASED ON PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT THE FIRST OF TWO DIESEL TURBINES NOW BEING INSTALLED WILL BE OPERATING APRIL 9 AND THE SECOND, ONE WEEK LATER. HOWEVER, ON CONTACTING A HIGH ELECTRICITY INSTITUTE OFFICIAL TODAY, THAT OFFICIAL SAID THAT THERE IS NO REAL ASSURANCE THAT THE FIRST TURBINE WILL BE DELIVERED ON APRIL 9, NOR THE SECOND AT THE TIME PROMISED. HE COMPLAINED OF A "CHAOTIC" SITUATION IN REGARD TO THE SERVICES BEING SUPPLIED BY THE U. S. SUB- CONTRACTING FIRM, TOOMBLY ASSOCIATES. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT THE COMPANY'S POOR PERFORMANCE HAS LED TO GREAT FRICTION WITH AEG OF WEST GERMANY -- THE SUPPLIER AND PRIME CONTRACTOR. HE COMPLAINED THAT THE SMALL RATHER INADEQUATE TOOMBLY STAFF IS MERELY WORKING ON A "BUSINESS AS USUAL" BASIS IN SPITE OF THE CRISIS ATMOSPHERE. HE SAID THAT TOOMBLY HAS

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MADE SEVERAL SUCCESSIVE PROMISES OF DELIVERY WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN KEPT AND HE DOUBTS WHETHER THE PRESENT PROMISE IS RELIABLE.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CHECK THIS STATEMENT WITH TOOMBLY REPRESENTATIVES HERE AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT ICE ITSELF HAD BEEN GREATLY AT FAULT. WE PROPOSE TO SPEAK TO THE U. S. PROJECT MANAGER HERE ASAP AND TO INVESTIGATE FIRST- HAND WHAT MIGHT BE DONE TO EXPEDITE THE INSTALLATION OF THE TURBINES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MEANWHILE, IN VIEW OF LOCAL POWER EMERGENCY, DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT IMMEDIATELY MR. VERNON TOOMBLY IN EMERSON, NEW JERSEY, ( TEL: 201-391-0950) TO EXPLAIN THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE POWER CRISIS AND WITHOUT ENTERING MERITS OF COMPLAINT TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT EVERY MEASURE POSSIBLE IS BEING TAKEN TO RUSH THE TURBINES TO COMPLETION, VAKY

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